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Date: 25 July 1957

TO : Chief, Security Support Division

ATTN : [ ]

FROM : Interrogation Research Division

SUBJECT: S.F.#

IRD# 30681

REPORT OF INTERVIEW

1. Subject of this report is a thirty-eight year old male who is currently being considered for utilization by this Agency in a covert capacity. Subject is not a citizen.

2. Subject was afforded a technical interview on 12 July 1957 at a covert location in Washington, D. C. at the request of Mr. [ ]  
1. The test was conducted between the hours of 1400 and 1715.

3. The following are the questions asked Subject, his answers and any noteworthy comments made by Subject:

PHASE I

25. Have you ever used another name not known to us?

Answer: Yes.

The question was rephrased to read, "Other than what you told me, have you ever used another name not known to us?" answered, "no."

Subject advised that he used on occasion the following names:

Konrad MATSEVICH (NR IRD) from 1944 to 1946 while he was in Italy.

K. MOROS and K. MEIMIK (NR IRD) in the United States during 1954-1955-1956 as a pen name when Subject wrote articles for the Belorussian newspaper in the United States.

John PETROVSKY (NR IRD) on occasions when Subject writes to his father in the Soviet Union.

26. Have you attempted to hide any of your personal history from us?

Answer: No.

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27. Have you deliberately falsified any of your personal history documents for us?

Answer: No.

Subject stated that his only falsification of personal history documents occurred in relation to immigration papers. Subject stated that he falsified his association with the German Abwehr and his internment in camp in Italy. However, he stated that he has not deliberately falsified any of the personal history documents that American Intelligence (Agency) has about him.

28. Is there anything that might open you to blackmail?

Answer: No.

- (1) Have you ever been arrested?

Answer: No.

Subject stated that other than for a few minor incidents, all of which he has already explained to his previous debriefers, he has not been arrested by the police.

- (2) Have you committed any undetected crimes?

Answer: Yes.

The question was rephrased to read, "Other than what you have told me, have you committed any undetected crimes?" and answered, "no."

Subject explained that he had embezzled from the Soviet Institute where he worked in 1940 approximately 700 rubles.

Subject also mentioned the fact that while in Germany in 1941-1942 and 1944, he participated in blackmarket speculation, combined with forgery of documents.

Subject stated that he participated in forging documents involving permission to travel, allowances of merchandise, petty German certificates and document forgery of temporary permit, travel permits, etc.

Subject stated also that he prepared forged papers to stay in Warsaw and falsified his identity card in 1944. This Subject considers to be a major forgery of documents.

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Subject also mentioned the fact that in 1947 while on a trip to Genoa, Italy, he found 31 thousand lire on a train and made no attempt to return the money to its rightful owner.

- (4) In your adult life have you ever engaged in homosexual activity?

Answer: No.

- (5) Have you ever had a drinking problem?

Answer: No.

- (6) Have you ever used any addictive type drugs?

Answer: No.

Subject's charts covering this phase of questioning indicate no consistent emotional disturbances indicative of deception; however, Subject's charts indicate a pattern of extreme nervousness which makes it difficult to specifically pin point an area of uneasiness other than to state that he is generally disturbed throughout this whole phase of testing.

PHASE II.

1. Is your true name \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer: Yes.

- 2-3. Were you born on 25 December 1919?

Answer: Yes.

- 5-6. Were you born in Nowogradak, Poland?

Answer: Yes.

16. Have you ever been a member of a Communist Party or organization?

Answer: No.

Subject stated that although he has never been a member of a Communist organization in the sense that it was the Communist Party, he has through necessity of work, been a member of *prosvyus* (trade union) and a member of *Asovyskim*, which is a type of civil defense organization. This was sometime during the period 1939-1941 while Subject was in Poland.

Subject stated that he was formally approached to join the *Komsomol* when he was 21-22 years of age but he did not apply for membership in the *Komsomol*.

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18. Have you ever actively participated in any type of Communist activity?

Answer: No.

19. Have you ever been sympathetic to Communist ideology?

Answer: No.

Subject stated that although he did not have any sympathy to Soviet ideology as such, he never saw danger from Communism to Belorussians. His main concern has been the effect of Russian imperialism against Belorussians.

20. Other than mentioned, are you personally acquainted with anyone whom you believe to be sympathetic to Communism?

Answer: No.

This question was qualified after Subject explained that he knew a Soviet agent Nikola VIHONSKI (NR IED phonetic) or Nicola VIHONSKI (NR IED - phonetic) who used the alias of Nikola or Nicola CHIRIK (NR IED). Subject stated that VIHONSKI was a Soviet agent, approximately 36-38 years of age, who married a rich woman in Italy and who wrote articles in the newspaper for repatriation back to the Soviet Union under the name of CHIRIK. Subject knew VIHONSKI from 1951 to 1954 while the latter was in Buenos Aires, Argentina and that Subject denounced VIHONSKI to the Argentinian political police, accusing VIHONSKI of being a Soviet agent. However, the Argentinian Government allowed VIHONSKI to return to Soviet Russia in 1956.

- 20b. Do you intend to obey the Secrecy Agreement that you signed?

Answer: Yes.

- 16b. Do you intend to tell ABRANTCHIC about what went on in Washington this past week?

Answer: No.

Subject was asked this question because the case officer indicated that Subject intended to report his activities to his superior ABRANTCHIC in the emigre organization upon returning to New York.

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Subject stated that he will definitely not tell anything about his debriefing and activities while in Washington the past week; however, if ABRAMTCHIC asked him about the progress of the "project" that he will indicate to ABRAMTCHIC what degree of progress has been made. When asked why he would discuss this project with ABRAMTCHIC, Subject stated that in the first place, ABRAMTCHIC originally brought Subject into the particular work that was to be done and that ABRAMTCHIC has introduced Subject to the people he has seen so far. In fact, Subject stated, he is now carrying out orders of ABRAMTCHIC and because ABRAMTCHIC was originally responsible for Subject's participation in the "project", that he is connected with, he feels that there is no harm discussing generalities about the project.

Subject's charts during this phase of questioning manifested no specific consistent responses which would be indicative of deception.

PHASE III

21. Have you worked in any capacity for a foreign government?

Answer: Yes.

The question was rephrased to read, "Other than what you have told me, have you worked in any capacity for a foreign government?" answered, "no."

Subject qualified this question by stating that he has already indicated to his former debriefers that he worked for the German Government approximately from September to October 1944 when he worked for the Abwehr and for the Soviet Government when he worked as a credit inspector for the Gosbank.

22. Have you ever been asked to work for any foreign intelligence organization except American?

Answer: Yes.

The question was rephrased to read, "Other than what you have told me, have you ever been asked to work for any foreign intelligence organization except American?" answered, "no."

Subject stated that he was asked by the German Intelligence Abwehr to go to Italy and join the Polish Army in Italy and attempt to convince the Belorussian members of the Polish Army in Italy to cease fighting against the Germans.

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Subject also mentioned that he was approached by a Belorussian leader of a group in Warsaw in July 1944 who was with German intelligence, one Mr. BEJIN (NR IED) and that the latter tried to recruit Subject to go to Italy with him and work for the German Intelligence.

23. Are you acquainted with anyone working for any non-American intelligence organization?

Answer: Yes.

The question was rephrased to read, "Other than what you have told me, are you acquainted with anyone working for any non-American intelligence organization?" answered, "no."

Subject advised that he again recalled the names of VIKHORSKI and BEJIN both of whom have been previously mentioned.

- 24b. Are you trying to hide from me any of your contacts in foreign countries?

Answer: No.

Subject stated that he corresponds with his father who is located in Jitomala (phonetic) Belorussia, using the name of John PETROVSKI and using a return address of 845 Spruce Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Subject stated that the PETROVSKIS who are his aunt and uncle, came here prior to World War I and that in using this name, he has written his father approximately three times a year. He started corresponding in 1954 and has done so until present. Subject stated that his father works in a Kolkhoz and is in charge of a warehouse.

Subject also mentioned the fact that he corresponds with a childhood friend, the brother of Subject's brother-in-law Konstantin SOBIEK (NR IED), who lives in Lignitz and who was sometime ago deported to Siberia but who is now again back in Poland.

Subject's charts indicated no emotional responses indicative of deception to the above phase of questioning.

#### CONCLUSION

During Subject's technical interview, he did not attempt to hedge on any of the questions asked him and seemed to give straightforward and honest answers during the entire interrogation. An overall analysis of Subject's charts indicate that there was no apparent attempt at deception to the pertinent questions asked of him.

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EXAMINER'S NOTE

Subject, towards the end of the interview, again brought out the fact that he intends to adhere to the Secrecy Agreement and does not intend to violate security requirements.

Subject, prior to leaving, asked the examiner if the latter spoke Russian and when it was indicated in the affirmative, the Subject showed surprise that the examination was not conducted in Russian. It was pointed out to the Subject that the examiner understood that the Subject was not in favor of using the Russian language; however, Subject stated that he was not against using the Russian language if the person with whom he conversed was fluent in it.

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